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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

April 30, 2019

Chris Vasquez
The City of Walnut
P.O. Box 682
Walnut, CA 91789

RE: The Terraces at Walnut Housing Project –
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH# 2018011046
GTS # 07-LA-2018-02375
Vic. LA-57/PM: 4.838

Dear Mr. Chris Vasquez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's DEIR. The proposed Terraces at Walnut Specific Plan would involve development of a mixed-use infill project that includes residential and commercial development, recreation areas, and open space development on 49 acres of vacant land. Residential development would include 290 total dwelling units; 278 units would be located in a small-lot district and 12 units would be located in a large-lot district. The five-acre commercial district would be located on the western portion of the plan area and would consist of one to two-story buildings and surface parking. Parks and open spaces would be designed to increase public access and connectivity within the Plan area and would provide shade structures, water features, outdoor furniture and other furnishing.

After reviewing this project's DEIR Caltrans has the following comments:

- On page 49 of the Traffic Impact Analysis, "Table 7" lists "Year 2024" values instead of Year 2025. Please confirm that these numbers are accurate for the year 2025.

Caltrans seeks to promote safe, accessible multimodal transportation. Methods to reduce pedestrian and bicyclist exposure to vehicles improve safety by lessening the time that the user is in the likely path of a motor vehicle. These methods include the construction of physically separated facilities such as sidewalks, raised medians, refuge islands, and off-road paths and trails, or a reduction in crossing distances through roadway narrowing.

Caltrans recommends the project to consider the use of methods such as, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicyclist warning signage, flashing beacons, crosswalks, signage and striping, be used to indicate to motorists that they should expect to see and yield to pedestrians and bicyclists. Visual indication from signage can be reinforced by road design features such as lane widths, landscaping, street furniture, and other design elements.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2018-02375.

Sincerely,

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MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse